GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1006
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CHANDIGARH AS STATE CAPITAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to make Chandigarh State Capital either of the Punjab or Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether both the States are required to build their own capitals;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Chandigarh is proposed to be bifurcated to be merged with the States of Punjab and Haryana; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (f): At present, there is no proposal before the Government to change the constitutional position of Chandigarh. The Government of India would like the States concerned to sort out their differences over the matter amicably and would be willing to help in the matter.